(c) The total number of sanctioned ICDS Projects, AWCs and Mini-AWCs, including those sanctioned during the 1st and 2nd phase of expansion, in the State of Orissa is 326,41,697 and 4819 respectively. Of these, 326 ICDS Projects, 36034 AWCs are operational as on 31.12.2006.

Exploitation of domestic maids

†4261. SHRI SAMAN PATHAK: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received complaints regarding the torture and sexual exploitation of domestic maids;

(b) if so, the State-wise details thereof;

(c) whether agencies providing maid/helpers are considered legal by Government; and

(d) if so, the provision to provide security to these girls and the steps taken by Government for their security?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) and (b) The National Commission for Women has informed that it received two complaints from Domestic Workers Forum, Delhi and Nirmala Niketan, Delhi regarding exploitation of maids.

(c) There is no specific rules and regulation governing such agencies.

(d) National Commission for Women has taken *suo-moto* cognizance of employment of maid by placement agencies and is discussing the issue with various stakeholders with a view to recommending enactment of a legislation and putting in place other monitoring mechanism to regulate the work and functioning of the placement agencies.

UN report on trafficking of girls

4262. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(a) whether an official of United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime has stated that around 20,000 girls are being trafficked in the country; and

(b) if so, the action plan of Government to crack down on traffickers to control this menace?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) As per the information supplied by United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, the National Human Rights Commission Report Trafficking in Women and Children in India' states that "A study conducted in 1992 estimated that at any given time, 20,000 girls are being transported from one part of the country to another".

(b) The Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act, 1956 (ITPA) supplemented by the Indian Penal code prohibits trafficking in human beings including children for purpose of prostitution and lays down severe penalties for traffickers. The ITPA is now being further amended providing for more stringent punishment for trafficking in persons including girls. As per information received from Ministry of Home Affairs, the Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPR&D) has prepared a training manual on "Human Trafficking-Handbook for Investigators" for use in the police training institutes.

Ill-treatment and sexual harassment in juvenile homes

4263. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether cases of ill-treatment and sexual harassment/abuse in juvenile homes, have been reported extensively;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any survey has been conducted about the affairs of the juvenile homes and State run observation homes;

(d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(e) the steps taken to improve the condition of the juvenile homes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) and